Hey, Tony, Wanna Hear a Good One?

Comedian-activist **Dick Gregory** isn't getting a whole lot of laughs out of the FBI's disclosure that the late director, **J. Edgar Hoover**, was seeking ways to "neutralize" him. Back in 1968, Hoover told the agent-in-charge of the bureau's Chicago office that Gregory called "syndicate hoods . . . the filthiest snakes that exist on this earth." According to bureau files, Hoover suggested that the Chicago agent drop the Gregory comments on the syndicate, stand back, and watch what happens. ". . .People should be outraged that the most powerful law enforcement agency in the world can suggest to the Mafia that they can kill someone," Gregory said.

—William Jobes